

Town of Stonington, CT.
Stonington Harbor Management Commission
Special Meeting
October 15, 2008
Stonington Police Headquarters
Final Minutes

The Special Meeting opened at 7:03PM by Chairman Peter Vermilya. Also in attendance were William Abt, George Kenyon, Alan Banister, Bill Geary, Rod Johnstone and Harbormaster Eric Donch.

Draft minutes of the regular September meeting were read and approved as corrected. Chairman Vermilya read correspondence received since the last meeting, all of which pertained to items outside the jurisdiction of this committee, or which did not require action.

Chairman Vermilya noted that a bill for \$67.50 had been received from the Town's lawyer and had been paid.

The Treasurer reported the only expenditure reported by the Finance Office was \$131.39 incurred by the Harbormaster for phone and miscellaneous expenses. Total income received by the Commission through September was \$7,280.00. Total expenditures: \$2,632.15, leaving a plus in revenue for the fiscal year to date of \$4,647.85. Cumulative cash available to the Commission to date is \$16, 280.44, plus \$100.00 earmarked for the harbor boat, and a reserve of \$10,300.00 for the proposed new dock. Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

The Harbormaster reported no change in the past month to the number of persons on the "waiting list" (213.) He noted the Special Olympics Sailing Regatta held on September 13/14 was a success with no water issues. The Harbormaster also noted that Freddie Blackall's boat Marmion is still sunk at it's dock and that the New London Day newspaper wrote an editorial about it; but while there is interest in the boat's status, there is no legal change in it's status at this time. The Harbormaster also noted that the Robert G. would be hauled in October, and he expected that it would be stored at the Town Garage. The Harbormaster's report was accepted as presented.

Under Old Business, Chairman Vermilya noted that the sub-committee reviewing Dodson's Boatyard 10 year plan which includes the Yard's proposed extension of its floating docks is making progress. The same sub-committee is working on a proposal for a "Wharfing-Out" policy for the Commission's approval. The Chairman also noted under "old business" that there are intra-town commission actions that still need to be resolved before further action on the proposed dock and pump-out facility activities can be resolved. Discussion followed regarding "winter stakes" -- their removal where necessary, and the establishment of precise mooring locations by GIS. Commissioner Banister and the Harbormaster are working on this matter. It was noted that another party was working on establishing precise locations of the Commercial moorings. There was also discussion of the meaning of colors on buoys and the angle in some cases of winter stakes. The Harbormaster noted that there was no change in the on-going work related to the Transient Anchorage Area and the establishment of new buoys. He also noted that "duty-sharing" between himself and his deputy still was being worked out—particularly as to who is to be responsible for computer data and where it should be stored. Finally, it was noted that a floating pipe had been noted off Stonington Point and the Harbormaster said he would check it out.

There was no public comment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM Next meeting 11/10/08

Submitted by William Abt, acting secretary for October

